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In re Application of)
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For: **FUEL DISPENSING SYSTEM FOR**)
CASH CUSTOMERS)
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Preliminary Amendment Accompanying Divisional Application

For the divisional application of prior parent application 09/154,462, please make the following amendments to the specification and claims. If any additional fees are required in association with this amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to change them to deposit account 18-1167.

In the Specification

Please insert the following as the first sentence of the specification: "This is a divisional of Application 09/154,462 filed September 16, 1998.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-3, 5, 7-9, 15-25, 29-38, 40-43 and 47-49 without prejudice. Claims 39 and 44 are rewritten in independent form to include elements from Claim 38 instead of Claim 1.

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. [The dispensing system of claim 1 wherein] A fuel dispensing system for enhancing cash transactions comprising:
- a) a fuel dispenser associated with a control system and a receiver adapted to receive signals including identification indicia from a remote communications unit associated with a customer, said receiver operatively associated with said control system to enable said control system to retrieve the identification indicia; and
 - b) a cash transaction indicator associated with said control system and adapted to signal said control system of a cash transaction; and
 - c) said control system providing customer related information associated with the identification indicia when a cash transaction is indicated by said cash transaction indicator; and
 - d) said customer related information corresponds to customer change resulting from a cash transaction, said control system adapted to determine the change for the transaction.
10. [The dispensing system of claim 1 wherein] A fuel dispensing system for enhancing cash transactions comprising:
- a) a fuel dispenser associated with a control system and a receiver adapted to receive signals including identification indicia from a remote communications unit associated with a customer, said receiver operatively associated with said control system to enable said control system to retrieve the identification indicia; and
 - b) a cash transaction indicator associated with said control system and adapted to signal said control system of a cash transaction; and

- c) said control system providing customer related information associated with the identification indicia when a cash transaction is indicated by said cash transaction indicator; and
- d) said cash transaction indicator is located on said dispenser and is actuated by a customer when a cash transaction is desired.

13. [The dispensing system of claim 1 wherein] A fuel dispensing system for enhancing cash transactions comprising:

- a) a fuel dispenser associated with a control system and a receiver adapted to receive signals including identification indicia from a remote communications unit associated with a customer, said receiver operatively associated with said control system to enable said control system to retrieve the identification indicia; and
- b) a cash transaction indicator associated with said control system and adapted to signal said control system of a cash transaction; and
- c) said control system providing customer related information associated with the identification indicia when a cash transaction is indicated by said cash transaction indicator; and
- d) said cash transaction indicator is located at a transaction terminal apart from said dispenser and is actuated when a customer desires a cash transaction.

26. [The dispensing system of claim 1 wherein said] A fuel dispensing system for enhancing cash transactions comprising:

- a) a fuel dispenser including a dispenser control system and a receiver adapted to receive signals including identification indicia from a remote communications unit associated with a customer, said receiver operatively associated with said control system to enable said control system to retrieve the identification indicia;
- b) a central control system operatively associated with and located apart from the dispenser control system;
- c) a cash transaction indicator associated with said control systems and adapted to signal said control system of a cash transaction;

- d) said control systems having associated memory and operating to provide a customer transaction information and associate the customer transaction information with the identification indicia when a cash transaction is indicated by said cash transaction indicator; and
- e) said cash transaction indicator is located at said dispenser at a transaction terminal.

39. [The fuel dispenser system of claim 1 wherein] A fuel dispenser system comprising:

- a) a customer input device, display, and interrogator operatively associated with a dispenser control system;
- b) said customer input device and display adopted to provide a customer interface;
- c) said interrogator adapted to communicate with a remote communications unit associated with a customer;
- d) said customer interface adapted to provide a cash transaction input for the customer to select a cash transaction;
- e) said control system adapted to operate in conjunction with a remote communication unit to provide customer information associated with the remote communication unit said interrogator communicates with when a cash transaction is selected; and
- f) said customer information relates to the change due the customer as a result of the cash transaction.

44. [The fuel dispenser system of claim 1 wherein] A fuel dispenser system comprising:

- a) a customer input device, display, and interrogator operatively associated with a dispenser control system;
- b) said customer input device and display adopted to provide a customer interface;
- c) said interrogator adapted to communicate with a remote communications unit associated with a customer;
- d) said customer interface adapted to provide a cash transaction input for the customer to select a cash transaction;
- e) said control system adapted to operate in conjunction with a remote

communication unit to provide customer information associated with the remote communication unit said interrogator communicates with when a cash transaction is selected; and

- f) said fuel dispenser includes a cash acceptor associated with said dispenser control system for receiving cash payment, said dispenser control system adapted to determine a change amount for the transaction.

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